Fall 2023 | UF Quest 1 Course, IDS2935-Special Topics

(Class number = 20699; section number = 1JH2)

RACE & "WHAT IS MADNESS"?

HISTORY THROUGH ARTIFACTS THAT TELL (OFFER EVIDENCE) ABOUT AFRICAN, BLACK, & EUROAMERICAN EVERYDAY AND PSYCHIATRIC WORLDS

Welcome to this QUEST course!!!!

WHEN:

Tuesdays, 3-4.55pm (periods 8-9); in Turlington Hall, room 2354

& Thursdays 3-3.50, pm (period 8); in MAEB 0229 (= Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering B)

WHAT:

This class is a General Education course: in the Humanities, in International, and in Writing (for 2000 words)

(A minimum grade of C is required for General Education credit)

PROFESSOR WITH OFFICE HOURS

Instructor: Prof. Nancy Rose Hunt, Professor of History & African Studies Email: nrhunt@ufl.edu

Office hours: Thursdays, from 3.50-4.50, right after our class ends, beginning in or near our classroom for questions or in person and in my office, as needed. Or: to be arranged, usually on Mondays, email me for a time.

Office phone (but you will find email much more efficient): (352) 392-2174

SYLLABI, etc.: Class resources, announcements, & updates; assignments will be made available through the class Canvas site.

This syllabus will be revised as needed, to meet our course goals and your learning needs.

REFLECTIONS to get us going . . .

What does quest mean?

NOUN

1: INVESTIGATION

2: an act or instance of seeking:

a: PURSUIT, SEARCH

3 a person or group of persons who search or make inquiry

VERB

1: to go on a quest

2: to search for

3: to ask for

Some deep thoughts and ones we will be contemplating:

Consider the words of African American psychologist, active in the 1950s-1970s, Mamie Phipps

"A racist system inevitably destroys and damages human beings; it brutalizes and dehumanizes them, blacks and white alike."

Consider the more elusive words of the Black British theorist, Stuart Hall on "the notion that identity is position" and it is "not fixed."

"Identity is not fixed, but it's not nothing either. The task is how to think the fact that identities are important to us, and register some continuities along a spectrum, but we're never just what we were. I think of identity in terms of positionality. Identity is, for me, the point of suture between the social and the psychic."

COURSE OVERVIEW

The crux of this course lies in an investigation into blackness (the condition of being black), "madness," mental health, and Atlantic histories.

It offers a chance to discover processes of working with original historical materials as evidence, working that enables interpretation. We will grapple with methods in history, discussing artifacts (bits of archive) from a wide range of times and places in African and Atlantic worlds. Each artifact yields clues about (1) historical experiences of madness; (2) labelling and treatment of those perceived as mad or mentally disturbed, and (3) deviant, strange, oppressed, or pathologized (sick) "selves," identities, and social categories.

Through our co-engagement of artifacts and history, a trajectory of specialized knowledges and experiences will come into view. It will be about remarkable "patients," healers, doctors, events, and racial facts and social formations, as lived and experienced from the 15th century up to today. Racialized and psychiatric entanglements, from the height of the Atlantic slave trade (18th century) through modern and contemporary times, will have us moving across three connected continents: Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

Through lectures, scholarly articles, film clips, and an African novel, the course provides a historical overview of experiences of madness, diagnostic categories, and psychiatry. It is a long history mediated by forms of racial violence and experiences of blackness.

Our innovative co-investigations will challenge conventional histories of psychiatry through our concerted attention to race, colonial processes, and forms of discrimination and derangement. In the process, we will explore a wide spectrum of meanings and labels for madness, produced in different times and places, and often involving harm, injury, and difference.

This course is organized around: 1) manifestations of "madness" – whether clinical (psychiatric), preclinical, metaphorical, psychopolitical, or an individual or shared "crisis of presence"; 2) notions and perceptions of "mental illness"; and 3) intersections among these.

This course is not a survey. Nor is it comprehensive. It is a highly structured, intellectual free space of investigation, interpretation, and working together as "co-researchers." Students are entitled to their opinions, but no opinion is right in this class, including mine. We will defend hypotheses and ideas through examining and interpreting evidence. IT IS GOING TO BE FUN!!

The skill sets honed here relate to: 1) destigmatizing madness and mental illness, and 2) humanistic analysis of texts in relation to social realities and diverse attributions of "madness."

What do students do with this course? Some students go on to careers in psychiatry, history, psychology, anthropology, social work, law, the veterinary sciences, and engineering. Others tuck away what they have learned, almost as if it is all forgotten, until they stumble over some "madness" -- and/or perhaps "racism" -in their work or lives, and the course materials and discussions then reappear as a small toolkit of distinctions that helps them read, interpret, and intervene in human lives.

Format: This class is an intensive laboratory with much active learning, and organized around fixed small groups. You are either present, engaging and benefitting. Or, you are losing out. Your grade will show the difference.

Office hours are designed to accommodate a variety of needs. Each week there will be in-person office hours, but if needed I will also organize a remote office hour by Zoom to accommodate student needs.

Tenor during Class Time: Respect of each other is vital for powerful small group-based learning experiences to emerge. I will guide us in this direction, and ask that you also do your part.

TEXTS, MODULES, HOMEWORK

All required texts (but one) are available through Canvas, and there organized by Module; see the schedule below. Search for each Module weekly. Modules will open by Fridays for the following week, and include Instructions for the Week (or per Class), along with Homework Assignments and sometimes my reflections on where we are, have been, and where we are going.

The one exception is the novel by Davis Diop, At Nights all Blood is Black, a prize-winning novel by a French-Senegalese author, set in France during World War I. It is a story about war, race, and madness. There should be a digital copy on reserve.

SCHEDULE

Please note: the schedule will be transposed into Canvas with links for PDFs, and a weekly review of student responsibilities. In general, count on 3-5 hours of reading and prep time a week, usually with homework and a

MOSTLY, stay calm and know everything is tailored toward student investigations and problem-based learning, NOT toward undue amounts of stress.

Rough schedule: much more detail will unfold on Canvas

WK	TUESDAYS	TU	THURSDAYS	LOG
		= HW		
1			24 August	
			Introduction	
2	29 August	2 pts.	31 August	Yes
	VERNACULT WORDS and IDEAS Zulu traditions, collected 1850s, southern Africa	pts.	→	
	Brief selections from Callaway on hiccups, nightmares, fear, and how to calm & heal, Amazulu Traditions in https://www.sacred-texts.com/afr/rsa/index.htm Search for and read in relation to: dream, trouble, hiccup, ancestor, night			
3	5 September Napier Foreman: 17th c. English astrologers who kept records→ Inner voices, religious mania, and preclinical diagnostics Around 1600, two English astrologers, Simon Forman (1552–1611) and Richard Napier (1559–1634), produced large surviving sets of medical and mental health records.	2 pts.	Sept 7→	Yes
	Investigate: https://casebooks.lib.cam.ac.uk/reading-the- casebooks/what-questions-did-they-ask			
4	12 September		14	
	Study Time: peaking forward		TBA	
5	19 September	2 pts.	21	Yes
	Slave ships & melancholia>	r	→	
6	26 September	2 pts.	28	Yes

Chinua Achebe, The Madman

African "traditions" facing madness,

Chinua Achebe (1930-2013), Nigerian short story,"The Madman," 1971. http://ataikiddeh.blogspot.com/2015/03/themadman-by-chinua-achebe.html

BEGIN: Obeah -----→

7	3 October	2	5 October	Yes
	Obeah -	pts.	Obeah.	
8	10 October	1 nt	12	Yes
	Garner + Dubois	1 pt.	Three American women	
9	17 October	2	19	
	WAR + A NOVEL by Davis Dios,	pts.	A NOVEL 2	
	WWI and African trauma in Europe			
10	24 October	1 pts.	26	Yes
	South Africa readings	pto.	Isaac O, 1930s Nigeria	
11	31 October	1 pt.	2 November	
	US film on psychoanalysis during/after WWII		1945, Bowlby, Winnicott, child psychoanalysis	
12	7 November	2 ots	9 November	Yes
	Frantz Fanon and a colonial war in Algeria	pts.	→	
13	14 November	1 pt.	16 November	Yes
	Anti-pscychitary: Bassaglia Laing Foucault		Movie time: Ken Kesey	
14			23 November,	

	Pre-Thanksgiving session, 21 November TBA.		THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS	
15	28 November Hickling + Jamaica	2 pts.	30	Yes
16	5 December CONCLUSION: Review (Study Guide Time)			
	FINAL EXAM 12 December 2023, 10 am – noon			

Learning Outcomes and Quest Course Design.

This class is designed to build skills in critical thinking, writing, and intellectual engagement, from humanistic and historical perspectives.

ASSIGNMENTS and ASSESSMENT

Assignment	Description	Due dates	WRITING (2000 words) plus	Points, out of 100
Short Paper 1: Critical Analysis or Interpretation	In an essay of 800 words, critically analyze or interpret our assigned novel by Diop plus 1-2 other assigned artifacts. Pay careful attention to the mechanics of writing.		800 words	10
Paper 2: Critical Analysis or Interpretation	The second essay of 1200 words is also your Take-Home Final Exam. It will require you to think about race and mental health (madness) across 4-8 artifacts with historical places, situations, characters, and stories. Seek evidence to show how the sources depict complexities surrounding mental health words, diagnostic categories, experiences and care. This essay may draw from your corpus of learning logs.		1200 words	15
Homework	Listen on Thursdays, and then confirm on Canvas what the Homework assignment(s) are for the following week; due dates will be Mondays at 5pm for Tuesday classes, and Wednesdays at 5pm for Thursday classes. Variety is a good thing, and so will be my goal in designing Homework that makes you engage the assigned materials, gets you ready to be an active learner in our next class, as well as in an inquisitive mode. 1-2 points each	varia		20
Learning Logs	Write 10 learning logs (at least 200-250 words each) by Saturdays at noon. Mount yours on Canvas. Each log will receive 2 points. Instructor comments will speak to quality, pose questions, or urge for pushing further, with analysis, prose, and the like. If you want more feedback, visit me during office hours. Log writing is an intellectual free space for learning, reflection, and stretching. It is also a place for remembering. Writing quality will not be graded. Many weeks, a prompt will be included with the assignment on Canvas, with a question or a passage or a problem. Excellent, detailed log writing will help you prepare for your Final Take-Home Paper/Exam.	varia	Ungraded, but highly valued & valuable	20

Final Exam (Test)	On the last day of our class, TU, 7 December		15
Participation	Engaged classwork means: reading and investigating assigned readings and websites in advance; asking excellent, concise questions that help all learn; constructively participating in your small group as well as in general class discussions. Instructor Reminder by Canvas: At the close of this class, write me 2-5 sentences about your contributions if you want to remind me about how you participated in class over the course of the term; due on the day after the last day of class.	Always	10
Attendance	Attendance is required.	Always	10
Total Points			100

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SYLLABUS READING ENDS HERE.

Still, review the rest below.

Have a good sense of what follows, and come back to it as needed, while

remembering that the key intellectual and pedagogical matters are above.

Assessment

Assessment and grading will be rigorous. Still, the course design allows for some learning and writing as voluntary, as a practice of intellectual stretching without judgement or punishment. Final grades will NOT be curved.

General Education and Quest 1 Objectives overlap in each assignment; see below.

All students need to participate in classroom group work.

Successful writing assignments will illustrate a careful regard for spelling, grammar, and citation guidelines. The two formal writing assignments are designed to meet the minimum requirements of the University Writing Requirement credit. The designated assignment's word counts must be fulfilled. Submitted papers short of the minimum word count will receive zero; university rules! The recommended writing style guide for papers is Turabian; https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/turabian/citation-guide.html

Grading Scale for total of 100 points

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А	4. 0	93-100	C	2.0	/3-/6
Α-	3.67	90-92	C-	1.67	70-72
B+	3.33	87-89	D+	1.33	67-69
В	3.0	83-86	D	1.0	63-66
В-	2.67	80-82	D-	0.67	60-62
C+	2.33	77-79	Е	0.00	0-59

Paper Grading: The quality of ideas goes in pair with the quality of language, expression, and engagement. The grid assigns point values to five areas and levels of achievement (A-F), and assess your present level in each of four areas: Engagement with Course Primary, Secondary and Lecture Materials; Content (the thoughtfulness, originality, and insight of the paper), Development (its organization and movement from one idea to another), Style (the appropriateness and effectiveness of the language), and Usage (mechanics of grammar, spelling, citation, formatting, and punctuation).

See the table below.

The Writing Requirement

This course fulfills the UF Writing Requirement, which ensures students maintain their fluency in writing and use writing to facilitate learning.

The Writing Requirement (WR) ensures students maintain their fluency in writing and use writing to facilitate learning. The writing grade assigned by the instructor has two components: the writing component and a course grade. To receive writing credit a student must satisfactorily complete all the assigned written work and receive a minimum grade of C (2.0) for the course. It is possible to not meet the writing requirement and still earn a minimum grade of C in a class, so students should review their degree audit after receiving their grade to verify receipt of credit for the writing component.

WRITING EVALUATION:

This course carries 2000 words that count towards the UF Writing Requirement. Students must turn in all written work counting towards the 2000 words in order to receive credit for those words.

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	Excellent = A	Good = B	Adequate = C	Poor = D	Failing = F
ENGAGED	Very interesting question that significantly engages course materials	Interesting question that engages course materials.	Only adequate engagement with course material.	Insufficient engagement with course material	No discernable engagement with course material.
Content	Significant controlling idea or assertion supported with concrete, substantial, and relevant evidence.	Controlling idea or assertion supported with concrete and relevant evidence.	Controlling idea or assertion general, limited, or obvious; some supporting evidence is repetitious, irrelevant, or sketchy.	Controlling idea or assertion too general, superficial, or vague; evidence insufficient because obvious, aimless, or contradictory.	No discernible idea or assertion controls the random or unexplained details that make up the body of the essay.
Development	Order reveals a sense of necessity, symmetry, and emphasis; paragraphs focused and coherent; logical transitions reinforce the progress of the analysis or argument. Introduction engages initial interest; conclusion supports without repeating.	Order reveals a sense of necessity and emphasis; paragraphs focused and coherent; logical transitions signal changes in direction; introduction engages initial interest; conclusion supports without merely repeating.	Order apparent but not consistently maintained; paragraphs focused and for the most part coherent; transitions functional but often obvious or monotonous. Intro-duction or conclusions may be mechanical rather than purposeful or insightful.	Order unclear or inappropriate, failing to emphasize central idea; paragraphs jumbled or underdeveloped; transitions unclear, inaccurate, or missing. Introduction merely describes what is to follow; conclusion merely repeats what has been said.	Order and emphasis indiscernible; paragraphs typographical rather than structural; transitions unclear, inaccurate, or missing. Neither the introduction nor the conclusion satisfies any clear rhetorical purpose.
Style	Sentences varied, emphatic, and purposeful; diction fresh, precise, economical, and idiomatic; tone complements the subject, conveys the authorial persona, and suits the audience.	Sentences varied, purposeful, and emphatic; diction precise and idiomatic; tone fits the subject, persona, and audience.	Sentences competent but lacking emphasis and variety; diction generally correct and idiomatic; tone acceptable for the subject.	Sentences lack necessary emphasis, subordination, and purpose; diction vague or unidiomatic; tone inconsistent with or inappropriate to the subject.	Incoherent, rudimentary, or redundant sentences thwart the meaning of the essay; diction nonstandard or unidiomatic; tone indiscernible or inappropriate to the subject.
as a	Grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling adhere to the conventions of "edited American English."	Grammar, punctuation, syntax, and spelling contain no serious deviations from the conventions of "edited American English."	Content undercut by some deviations from the conventions of "edited American English."	Frequent mistakes in grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling obscure content.	Frequent and serious mistakes in grammar, syntax, punctuation, and spelling make the content unintelligible.
Usage					

I will evaluate and provide feedback on your written work with respect to content, organization and coherence, argument and support (when appropriate), style, clarity, grammar, punctuation, and other mechanics, using a published writing rubric (see below). More specific rubrics and guidelines for individual assignments may be provided during the course of the semester.

The grade received on the two formal written essays is the sum of points received in each of these five areas; my written comments on papers add detail.

Engaged	30	
Content		20
Development	20	
Style	20	
Usage	10	

OTHER COURSE MATTERS.

Attendance. Attendance is required.

If a student misses more than six periods during a semester, he or she will fail the entire course. Missing class on a double period counts as two absences. Only those absences deemed excused according to UF policy, including university-sponsored events, such as athletics and band, illness, and religious holidays will be exempted. Absences related to university-sponsored events must be discussed with the instructor prior to the date to be missed.

Tardiness: If students enters class late, they disrupt the entire class. Two instances of tardiness count as one absence.

Making-Up Work. Homework and papers will be due by the next class period for a student with a valid excused absence.

Plagiarism. University of Florida students are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the entire Student Honor Code. Plagiarism is a serious violation of the Student Honor Code.

The Honor Code prohibits plagiarism and defines it as follows: "Plagiarism. A student shall not represent as the student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes (but is not limited to):

- a.) Quoting oral or written materials, whether published or unpublished, without proper attribution.
- b.) Submitting a document or assignment which in whole or in part is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment not authored by the student. (University of Florida, Student Honor Code, 15 Aug. 2007 http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/honorcode.php) Important Tip: You should never copy and paste something from the internet without providing the exact location from which it came.

Course Evaluations. Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, and students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/.

Classroom Times. Please keep in mind that students come from diverse backgrounds. Some of our texts engage controversial topics and opinions. Diverse student backgrounds, combined with our more provocative texts, requires all of us to demonstrate respect for ideas that may differ from your own. Engagement without disrespect, this will be our motto. Disrespect for others will result in immediate dismissal from the classroom and a meeting with the instructor, and accordingly an absence recorded for that session.

In-Class Work. Papers and drafts are due at the beginning of class and/or online per the assigned deadline. Papers and drafts will be due before the next class period for students with a valid excused absence.

Participation is a crucial part of success in this class. Students will be expected to work in small groups and participate in group discussions and other in-class activities. Be prepared for unannounced quizzes or activities on the readings or classroom discussion. Students must be present for all in-class activities to receive credit for them. In-class work cannot be made up. Students are

expected to contribute constructively to each class session.

Keep Copies of Your Work! Students are responsible for maintaining duplicate copies of all work submitted in this course and retaining all returned, graded work until the semester is over. Should the need arise for a resubmission of papers or a review of graded papers, it is the student's responsibility to have and to make available this material.

Submitting Work. All papers should be submitted as MS Word (.doc) documents to Canvas. Final drafts should be polished and presented in a professional manner. All papers must be in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1-inch margins and pages numbered.

Writing Studio. The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the writing studio online at http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/ or in 302 Tigert Hall for one-on-one consultations and workshops.

Differently Abled Students?? The University of Florida complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students requesting accommodation should contact the Students with Disabilities Office, Peabody 202 or online at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/. That office will provide documentation to the student, and they must provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Counseling and Wellness Center & Emergencies. This is a course about mental health. Thus, it is a good time to learn that the Counseling and Wellness Center exists and may assist you throughout your UF career in relation to mental health wellness: http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx, 392-1575.

The University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 is also available for emergencies

The remainder of this long section builds on required UF language, much of which is valuable and informative

This Quest course has been designed in keeping with: Quest 1 & Gen Ed (Humanities & International) Descriptions and Student Learning Outcomes

- Quest 1 courses are multidisciplinary explorations of truly challenging questions about the human condition that are not easy to answer, but also not easy to ignore: What makes life worth living? What makes a society a fair one? How do we manage conflicts? Who are we in relation to other people or to the natural world?
- Humanities courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and theory or methodologies used within a humanities discipline or the humanities in general. Students will learn to identify and to analyze the key elements, biases and influences that shape thought.
- International courses promote the development of students' global and intercultural awareness. Students examine the cultural, economic, geographic, historical, political, and/or social

experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world, and thereby comprehend the trends, challenges, and opportunities that affect communities around the world.

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QUEST 1 SLOS:

- Identify, describe, and explain the history, theories, and methodologies used to examine essential questions about the human condition within and across the arts and humanities disciplines incorporated into the course (Content).
- Analyze and evaluate essential questions about the human condition using established practices appropriate for the arts and humanities disciplines incorporated into the course (Critical Thinking).
- Connect course content with critical reflection on their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond (Critical Thinking).
- Develop and present clear and effective responses to essential questions in oral and written forms as appropriate to the relevant humanities disciplines incorporated into the course (Communication).
- HUMANITIES: Humanities courses provide instruction in the history, key themes, principles, terminology, and theory or methodologies used within a humanities discipline or the humanities in general. Students will learn to identify and to analyze the key elements, biases and influences that shape thought. These courses emphasize clear and effective analysis and approach issues and problems from multiple perspectives.
 - HUMANITIES SLOS
 - Identify, describe, and explain the history, underlying theory and methodologies used in the course (Content).
 - Identify and analyze key elements, biases and influences that shape thought within the subject area. Approach issues and problems within the discipline from multiple perspectives (Critical Thinking).
 - Communicate knowledge, thoughts and reasoning clearly and effectively (Communication).
- INTERNATIONAL: International courses promote the development of students' global and intercultural awareness. Students examine the cultural, economic, geographic, historical, political, and/or social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world, and thereby

comprehend the trends, challenges, and opportunities that affect communities around the world. Students analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and/or social systems and beliefs mediate their own and other people's understanding of an increasingly connected world.

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- Identify, describe, and explain the historical, cultural, economic, political, and/or social experiences and processes that characterize the contemporary world (Content).
- Analyze and reflect on the ways in which cultural, economic, political, and/or social systems and beliefs mediate understandings of an increasingly connected contemporary world (Critical Thinking).
- In conjunction with the Humanities, communication outcomes are in sync with that subject area (Communication).

Student Learning and Outcomes

In keeping with the curricular structures of Quest 1 and Gen Ed designations, this course has been designed so that after taking it, students will be able to:

- Identify, describe, and explain historical developments in relation to madness and psychiatry in the West (Euroamerica) and Africa, with attention to matters of difference, slave economies, empire, modernity, decolonization, the Cold War, and neoliberal frictions. (Content SLOs for Gen Ed Hum & Diversity and Q1)
- 2. Analyze, evaluate, and interpret an interesting range of vernacular, popular, clinical, and diagnostic texts with a range in provenance and forms, all of which enable problematizing madness, its situated meanings, and its relationships with hierarchies and milieus. Critical Thinking SLOs for Gen Ed Hum & Diversity and Q1)
- 3. Analyze and evaluate how hierarchies, difference, and forms of harm entered into the perception and production of madness and mental illness, including as causal factors and in diverse global – Atlantic -- contexts (Critical Thinking SLO for Gen Ed International)
- 4. Analyze and reflect on the ways in which global zones (places) and "cultures" (persons/identities) mediate and produce understandings and experiences of madness, in Europe, the Americas, and Africa (Critical Thinking SLO for Gen Ed International)
- 5. Analyze, evaluate, and critically reflect on connections between the course content and their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond (Critical Thinking SLO for Q1)
- 6. Develop and present clear, effective responses to essential questions about categories and expressions of madness in colonial and postcolonial contexts, since (briefly) the era of Atlantic trade and slavery (17-18th century) and (less briefly) their relationship to forms of domination, exchange, and refusal within Euroamerican and African worlds (19th-21st century). Student responses will be developed in oral and written forms appropriate to the relevant humanities disciplines (history, literary criticism, anthropology) incorporated into the course (Communication SLO for Gen Ed Hum and Q1).

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